



2023

COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY THE THIRTEENTH OF MAY



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PRELUDE Texas Wesleyan University Wind Ensemble & Ram Band

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Ryan Maxey
Conducted by Slade Denman

ALMA MATER - WORDS BY J.C. DENNEY Ryan Maxey
Graduating Senior

Hail to thee dear Texas Wesleyan, from the heart I give my praise.
In the paths of high endeavor, fame and fortune crown your days.
Streaming forth a line of splendor, sons and daughters all declare,
Living testimony render, to the worthy name you bear.

INVOCATION Gladys Childs
Dean of Freshman Success, University Chaplain

INTRODUCTIONS Glenn Lewis
Chairman of the Board

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President

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Texas State Senator

UNITED METHODIST EXEMPLARY Heida Reed
TEACHER AWARD Visiting Professor of Business Administration

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President

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President

Hector Quintanilla
Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Associate Dean, School of Arts & Sciences

Sameer Vaidya
Dean, School of Business Administration
and Professional Programs

Carlos Martinez
Dean, School of Education

Helena Bussell
Interim Associate Dean, School of Health Professions

WELCOME FROM ALUMNI..... Eric Montoya
President of the Alumni Association

LITANY AND BENEDICTION..... Gladys Childs

RECESSIONAL

ORDER OF THE PROCESSIONAL

Cross Bearer
Bible Bearer

*Banners are emblazoned with the seals of the six Texas institutions
of higher education affiliated with the United Methodist Church.*

Huston-Tillotson University
McMurry University
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
Texas Wesleyan University
Wiley College

*Banner Bearers are represented by various student organizations
at Texas Wesleyan University.*

Academic Marshals
May 2023 Graduating Class
Faculty Marshal
Faculty
Grand Marshal
Platform Party
Vice Presidents
Provost
President Frederick G. Slabach

Ushers are members of various student organizations.

ACADEMIC REGALIA AND SYMBOLS

American academic regalia originated at European medieval universities, particularly Oxford University, about seven centuries ago. At that time, the teachers were clergymen, the students were studying to become clerics, and the cassock was their usual costume. The tradition has continued through the ages at colleges and universities in the wearing of the academic gown, hood and cap.

The cap, or mortarboard, is the same for all degree. The tassel is worn on the right side of the cap until the bachelor's degree is conferred, at which time it is switched to the left side.

According to the American Council on Education, the gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve base that hangs down and opens at the wrist. The gown for the doctor's degree has bell-shaped sleeves. The doctor's gown is faced with velvet and has three velvet bands on each sleeve. These distinguishing marks may be either black or in the appropriate color of the academic degree earned. Though black is a traditional color for gowns, the degree-granting institution may, however, select unique colors for the gown and trim.

The most colorful and significant item of the academic regalia is the hood. The length indicates the degree; the color of the border denotes the academic area of the degree; the colors of the hood lining identify the college or university, which granted the degree. The doctor's hood is four feet long with a five-inch border. The master's hood is three and one-half feet long with a three-inch border and a long, large pocket at the bottom. The bachelor's hood is three-feet long with a two-inch border.

A TEXAS-SIZED HISTORY

Originally called Polytechnic College — which literally means "many arts and sciences" — the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, founded Texas Wesleyan University in 1890. The school held its first classes in September 1891, with 111 students.

In 1902, H.A. Boaz assumed the presidency and led the university's first period of substantive growth. During his tenure, new residence halls, a fine arts conservatory, a science hall and a gym were built. Enrollment increased each year at the new university, which was located a few miles from the growing city of Fort Worth.

When Dallas was selected by the church leaders as the site for Southern Methodist University, the Polytechnic campus was designated the Woman's College for Southern Methodism, eventually becoming Texas Woman's College in 1914.

During the 1920s, the tradition of robing, which commemorates the relationship between faculty and students through a ceremonial vesting of cap and gown, became a university tradition. The tradition remains to this day. It is an example of Texas Wesleyan's dedication to a small, personal educational atmosphere.

The college was renamed Texas Wesleyan College in 1935 and has remained a co-educational liberal arts institution with an increasingly

The academic colors most frequently associated with the Texas Wesleyan University academic community are:

Arts and Letters.....	White	Mass Communication.....	Crimson
Business.....	Light Brown	Music.....	Pink
Counseling.....	White	Nurse Anesthesia.....	Apricot
Criminal Justice.....	Purple	Paralegal Studies.....	Purple
Education.....	Light Blue	Science.....	Golden Yellow
Exercise Science.....	Sage Green	Sociology.....	Citron
History.....	White	Theatre.....	Brown
Language.....	White	Theology.....	Scarlet
Library Science.....	Lemon		

The green and blue tassels identify members of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society. These graduates are at or near the top two percent of their class.

The gold cord symbolizes membership in an honor society. The purple and teal tassels identify members of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education.

The mace is a common symbol of the authority and power of a corporate body. Its use as such originated in medieval times in legislative bodies and university faculties. It is carried by the presiding officer of the Faculty Assembly.

The presidential medallion is a symbol of the Office of the President of a chartered institution. It bears the seal of the college and is placed around the neck of the president at investiture to represent the yoke of responsibility for the welfare of the institution.

comprehensive academic and student life program. Law Sone became the President of Texas Wesleyan in 1935, which kicked off a 33-year period of growth and expansion.

Under Sone, athletics thrived, with dominant teams in golf and basketball; new facilities were built on campus, including a new library and residence halls; and new academic programs in business and education became points of pride for the university.

In addition to strong undergraduate programs, the university added graduate programs in education in the 1970s and in nurse anesthesia in the 1980s. Recognizing the growth in programs, Trustees changed the name of the institution to Texas Wesleyan University, effective in January 1989. The Graduate Programs of Nurse Anesthesia has grown into the largest in the nation, delivering courses to students throughout the United States.

President Frederick G. Slabach became president of the university in 2011. During his tenure, the university has launched and completed the Rosedale Renaissance, the first major revitalization of East Fort Worth in several generations, enrollment has grown steadily, new online programs have been launched and the university football program was reinstated after a 75-year hiatus.

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORAL DEGREES

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Nilliah J. Chadwick	Issac Remington Scoggins
<i>Teacher Perceptions of Black Male Students and the Effect On Student Classroom Behavior</i>	<i>Advancement Via Individual Determination and the Improvement of Young Minds: An Evaluation of Avid Within Urban Schools</i>

SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

DOCTOR OF NURSE ANESTHESIA PRACTICE

Derrick Rose	Janeen Smith Rose
<i>Covid 19 Infection: Is Ivermectin a Viable Treatment</i>	<i>Covid 19 Infection: Is Ivermectin a Viable Treatment</i>

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER’S DEGREES

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Elyssa Aluko	Alejandro Grande	Angelica Nichole Morrow
Mariam Arshad	Matthew Gray	AbdulJalil Musa
KayLee Bernadette Baker	Tameir Jibri Grosvenor	My Thi Hoang Nguyen
Thomas William Barton	Nicholas Hains	Alyssa D. Perry
Shanjala Kynell Davis-Allen	Bryan Scott Hunt	Elvin John Rosa Jr.
Christian Diaz	Tammie Lynn James	Jazmieka Tra'Nae Smith
Charles Robert Elam	Deanna Nicola Kelley-Hill	Brooke Ashley Sullivan
Alyssa L. Ellis	Jonathon K. Kinkle II	William Marcus Swank

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

MASTERS OF ARTS IN TEACHING

Engy Kamal Labib Armanyous	Kanu Priya Basson	Shaniqua Unique Hatton
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MASTER OF EDUCATION

Lindsey Kathryn Thompson	Kadija Haywood	Cherelle Denise Phillips
Courtney Lynn Calixto	Jordan Matthew Higgins	Breanna Alyssa Salisbury
Latisha Monique Cartwright	Brianna James	Rianna Nichole Vidales
Betty Faith Davis	Tamika Ann Johnson	
Jakiya Monique Ezell	Nicholas Jay King	
Sadaf Ghafoor	Dejan Milosevic	

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER’S DEGREES (CONT.)

SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

MASTER OF ARTS IN PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

Jonathan Dedmon	Glen Kidd	Robert Alexander Morton
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPY

Mei Moore	Luke McCharen O'Steen	
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CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jamesha Renea Allen	Tabatha Leigh Hogan	Caleb Michael Rudd
Bethany Rose Bordelon	Isaack Drake Knapp	Lisette Angelica Salgado
Daniel E. Carmona	Eva Beth Leon	Danny Matthew Sisneroz †
Makayla Marie Coy	Ryan James Maxey	Lily Anne Seavey Penslien
Elena Lucille Cruce	Brayden K McAlister	Cole Evan Surratt
Rosealin Saige Delgado	Matthew Jacob Moniak	Monika Natalia Szczepanik
Juan Galvan	Leia Nicole Murray	Jeffrey Nicholas Valko
Noelia G. Gaytan	Violet Niyongere	Jaqueline Velazquez
Stephanie Godinez	Chinonso Oguh	

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Ethan Walter Brandt	Cameron Michael Hatcher	Nathan R. Tobey
Jonathan Michael Burt	Gianina Frances Lambert	
Rebeka Dawn Chavez	Colin Matzen Schwartz	

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Lauren Rayburn Bolding	Katelynn Ashlee Joiner	
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Misheal Aggrey	Chance Anthony Carroll	Ashlee Dakota Dowdy
Victoria Al-Adam	Ralph Casablanca	Margarita Duarte
Kimberlee Alyssa Alas	Jeffrey Antonio Chanta. Jr	Cynthia Dutra
Bryce Daniel Joseph Archer	Jaden Shantrelle Chapman	Autumn Sandra Farris
Greyson Clarke Barrett	Miracle Marie Clay	Allison Mallory Fisher
Lexie R. Basham-Harkins	Andrea Coble	Esmeralda Elizabeth Garcia
David Rylan Bonds	Katrina LynetteLee Cole	Jesus Gomez
Michael Dale Bonner	Christina Elizabeth Hernández Cross	Alysa Jordan Henderson
Rusty Bowman	Brenda Jackeline De La Rosa	Jack Michael Huffman
Madison Kennedy Brown	Parker Joseph Deleon	Catherine Logan Huffstetter

† Certificate of Recognition Awarded Posthumously

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES (CONT.)

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Ousmane Ndim	Abigail Rueda	Jackson T. Wagner
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Juan Felipe Parra Jimenez	Victor Junior Silverio Valerio	Loryn Jenipher Wooden
Shivkumar Jayeshbhai Patel	Reese Garrett Simonak	Jerry Zenteno
Jacob Peery	Landry Lee Smith	

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Abigail Arrellano	Vallerie Garcia	Thamara Pinto Terrazas
Miguel R. Arrivillaga	Gloria D. Hardeman	Erick Yared Ramirez
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Jerrod Edward Burton	Cynthia Jyothi Ittamalla‡	Carlos Rene Rodriguez III
Nicolas Changarnier	Chathumi Jayaprabha Illeperuma Achchige	Andrew Miles Rollison
Malisone Chanthapanya	Isidro Jimenez	Inara Sachwani
Aileen Chavez	Preston Calder Kurmes	Jasmine Nicole Salinas
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Nateiona Cole	Joseph Charles Mays	Mansi Shiroya
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Carmen Agustina Del Toro	Jaden Cameron McClure	Karina Liliana Torres
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Jordan Flood	Jarrett Joseph Muench	Mathieu Philippe Vinet
Lucas Diaz Freire	Nabintu Neema	Marrell Christian Weatherd
Chayan Leo Mickey Duha	Neel H. Patel	Juanyu Weng
Kelsey Bernae Florence	Urvish Rajendrakumar Patel	Brandon Shea Whitehead
Daniel Gahunde	Max Antonio Perez	Yawen Zhao
Maritza Garcia	Hung Quoc Phi	

‡ Degree Awarded Posthumously

CANDIDATES FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES (CONT.)

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Daisy Aguayo	Nayeli Cervantes Rios	Rosa Gloria Diaz Mendez
Jessica Castro		

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Stephanie Alonso	Eduardo Olvera Garcia	Mariana Sandoval Santos
Kertisa Dominique Amos	Nicole Johnson	Collin Arthur Taylor
Hana Auchenbach	Heather Jeanine Jones	
Brynna Paige Foster	Shannon Marie Mata	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING

Peter Dillon Gardner Alam	Madeline Christine Barbosa	Taj Nicole Carden
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LITANY - “WISDOM”

Leader: Happy is the one who finds wisdom,
People: And the one who gets understanding.

Leader: For the gain from it is better than the gain from silver,
People: And its profit better than gold.

Leader: Wisdom is more precious than jewels,
People: And nothing you desire can compare with it.

Leader: Long life is in wisdom’s right hand,
People: And in its left hand are riches and honor.

Leader: The ways of wisdom are ways of pleasantness,
People: And all its paths are peace.

Leader: Wisdom is a tree of life to those who lay hold of it,
People: Those who hold fast to wisdom are called happy.

Leader: The Lord by wisdom founded the earth,
People: And the Lord by understanding established the heavens.



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Here’s how you can stay involved as a TXWES alumni.

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There’s always something going on at Texas Wesleyan. Check out our monthly e-newsletter, The Ram’s Horn, to find out about events like the Wesleyan Wine Walk, Alumni Reunion and the Wesleyan 5K.

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